GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3016
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DONGARIA TRIBE
Das Shri Bhakta Charan

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of presence of Dongaria tribe in the country including Orissa;

(b) if so, total population of the said tribe at present, State-wise;

(c) whether the said tribe is gradually facing extinction; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Government is aware that "Dungaria Kondh" is a Scheduled Tribe in the State of Orissa as synonym of "Khond".

(b) to (d): Separate population details of "Dungaria Kondh" are not available as Census figures include population details in the name of it's main entry known as "Khond", which includes all it's synonyms including "Dungaria Kondh". No formal report of gradual extinction has been received in the Ministry, regarding this tribe.